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REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 34 has been amended to replace "the" by "a" before "adhesive."

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 13-15 are the only independent claims.

In the <u>Quayle</u> Action, the specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the recitation "directly laminated by the adhesive" in claim 34.

Claim 34 has been amended to replace "the" by "a" before "adhesive," so as to introduce the term and provide antecedent basis. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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